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By His Excellency

Thomas Chittenden Esqr

Governor Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over
The State of Vermont

A PROCLAMATION

It being the indispensable duty of us as a people to acknowledge
our absolute dependence on the supreme ruler of the universe,
by seeking for direction and success in all our affairs, and the
approaches of spring more especially calling upon us to implore
the divine blessings, on the concerns and occurrences of the
ensuing year, and to humble ourselves for those sins, by
which we have forfeited the divine blessing and favor
I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of the
Council, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint Wednesday, the
tenth day of April next to be observed as a day of public Hum-
iliation, Fasting and Prayer, throughout this State.
And I do hereby earnestly call upon all ministers and people,
of every religious denomination, to assemble at their respect-
ive places of public worship on said day, to humble
themselves before Almighty GOD for their manifold sins,
and with deep contrition and penitence of heart to confess
and forsake them; to fervently supplicate the divine
mercy to pardon, thro' the merits of Jesus Christ; - that he
would restore on us every needed effect of his mercy;
in particular that he would bless and succeed the Admin-
istration of civil Government in this State. - that he
would bless the rulers of the people, direct their public
councils and determinations; that he would ensure
to us our invaluable rights and liberties, which, by a
long and calamitous war, he has restored upon us,
and maintain peace and good order among us:
That he would save our land from wasting sickness,
pestilence, Frosts, droughts, mildews, insects and every
desolating judgement; that he would favor the business

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of the heavens. so that the earth may yield her increase; that
he would graciously restore his blessing on all schools
and seminaries of learning. that they may be nurseries
of piety. as well as learning literature, and render
eminently beneficial; that he would graciously restore
his richest blessings on the supreme Magistrate of this nation,
preserve his life, and render him more abundantly useful
in his exalted station - that he would direct the national
councils, affording them wisdom, integrity, firmness,
and unanimity; leading them into all necessary
measures for the public good; that he would preserve
and strengthen the union among the states, bless their
allies, and render the connection formed with them
mutually beneficial; that he would grant the
blessings of peace to this nation, defend our frontiers,
and effect a happy lasting peace with the savage tribes;
that he would prosper our trade, fishery, navigation
and manufactures; cause industry, frugality, temperance,
and all other moral and christian virtues more and
more to prevail among us; that he would extend the
blessings of freedom and liberty, civil and religious
among all nations; put an end to tyranny and arbitrary
power, the bulwarks of Satan's kingdom, and humble the
proud oppressors of mankind; that God would mercifully
shed down the influences of his holy spirit, put an end to
error, revive decaying religion through this land and
the world - that he would for this end bless the ministers
of his holy word, grant them more abundant measures
of knowledge and grace - that he would build up churches
in the faith, purity, and fellowship of the gospel, and advance
the peaceful, glorious kingdom of God our Saviour through
the world. I do earnestly recommend to the good people of this
state, to abstain from all servile labour and recreation inconsistent
with the duties of said day,

Given under hand. at Williston this 10th day of March
in the year of our LORD one Thousand seven hundred and
ninety three and of our Independence the seventeenth

By his Excellency's Command — Thomas Chittenden

Joseph Fay Secretary

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE

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